

Heritage Statement

Replacement of Existing Door with FD30 Fire Door

Grade II Listed School, Horningsham, Wiltshire

Listed Building application: PL/2026/06512

1. Introduction

This Heritage Statement has been prepared in support of an application for Listed Building Consent for the replacement of an existing internal/external door with a new FD30-rated fire door at the Grade II listed school building at Horningsham, Wiltshire.

The proposal has been developed to improve life safety and ensure compliance with current fire safety requirements while seeking to preserve the special architectural and historic interest of the listed building.

2. The Heritage Asset

The school is a Grade II listed building and is therefore recognised as being of special architectural and historic interest. The building contributes positively to the character and appearance of Horningsham and forms part of the village's historic built environment.

The significance of the building derives from:

- Its historic fabric and construction.
- Its architectural design and detailing.
- Its contribution to the historic character of the village.
- Its continued educational use and social value to the local community.

3. Description of Existing Door

The existing door is located between the main school reception and the main school hall within the listed building and currently provides access between accommodation areas.

The existing door is not capable of providing the required level of fire resistance necessary to meet current fire safety requirements. The door therefore presents a risk in terms of compartmentation and means of escape in the event of fire.

The door has been assessed as requiring replacement rather than repair or upgrade due to its construction and inability to achieve the required FD30 fire performance standard.

Please see below photo of existing door set



4. Proposed Works

The proposed works comprise:

- Careful removal of the existing door and associated ironmongery.
- Installation of a new FD30-rated fire door set.
- Installation of intumescent seals and smoke seals concealed within the door frame where practicable.
- Re-use of existing architectural detailing where possible.
- Decoration of the new door to match the existing finish and surrounding historic fabric.
- Retention of the existing opening dimensions to avoid alteration to historic fabric.

The replacement door will be designed to replicate the appearance of the existing door in terms of:

- Panel arrangement.
- Timber finish.
- Mouldings and proportions.
- Colour and decorative treatment.

Please see below example photo of proposed door visual and drawing of proposed door set.



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Primary School - draw

5. Impact on Heritage Significance

The works are considered to result in a very limited level of intervention within the listed building.

The proposal does not involve:

- Alteration to the building's structural fabric.
- Loss of significant historic features beyond the existing door itself.
- Changes to the external appearance of the building (if an internal door).
- Changes to the plan form of the building.

The replacement door will maintain the visual character of the existing opening and will be sympathetic to the historic fabric and appearance of the building.

Any loss of historic fabric will be confined to the existing door leaf and will be outweighed by the public benefit arising from improved fire safety for building occupants.

6. Justification

The proposal is required to:

- Improve compliance with current fire safety legislation.
- Enhance compartmentation within the building.
- Protect building occupants.
- Reduce the risk of fire spreading through the historic structure.
- Assist in safeguarding the long-term future and continued use of the listed building.

The proposed works represent the minimum intervention necessary to achieve these objectives, copy of specialist survey attached.



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7. Conclusion

The proposed replacement of the existing door with an FD30 fire door has been carefully designed to minimise impact upon the significance of the Grade II listed school building.

The works will preserve the character and appearance of the listed building whilst delivering important fire safety improvements. The proposal is therefore considered to represent an appropriate balance between heritage conservation and modern safety requirements and will result in less than substantial harm to the significance of the heritage asset, if any harm at all.

Accordingly, Listed Building Consent is respectfully requested.